



SAUGUS

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Saugus is located adjacent to Route 1, a major north/south thoroughfare. The highway is lined with some of New England's finest restaurants. In addition, Square One, a closed-in shopping mall, is in the construction stage and should provide the town with attractive retail establishments for their shopping convenience.

By traveling a short distance from the highway, visitors can see that the town still retains its rural characteristics. The two hundred year old Town Hall and the historic Saugus Iron Works, both of which are on the National Historic Register, are landmark tourist attractions. The Saugus River, which meanders through the town provides an environmental habitat for many species of fish as well as a home for the largest lobster fishing fleet in Massachusetts.

September brings out the best of the town each year with its Founders Day festivities. It's a time for townspeople to show off wares through sidewalk bazaars and to celebrate the town's historic past through a series of planned activities; an event that all who live here look forward to each year.

Because of the town's unique setting, that allows industry and business to flourish, yet maintains a suburban style of living, Saugus has come to be known as the most enterprising community north of Boston.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lynnfield on the north, Lynn on the east, Revere on the south, Malden on the southwest, and Wakefield and Melrose on the west. The Saugus River forms part of the southeast border, and the Pines River forms the southern border; both join in an opening to the Atlantic Ocean. Saugus is 9 miles north of Boston, 23 miles southeast of Lowell, and 228 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 11.75 sq. miles

Land Area: 10.99 sq. miles

Population: 25,549

Density: 2,325 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Boston North, Lynn, Reading

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 231-1111

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1815

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	15,494		
Democrats	6,266	40.4	%
Republicans	1,802	11.6	%
Other parties	13	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	7,413	47.8	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Saugus town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	26,078	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	26,078	100.0
Male.....	12,476	47.8	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	254	1.0
Female.....	13,602	52.2	Mexican.....	48	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,304	5.0	Puerto Rican.....	52	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,533	5.9	Cuban.....	19	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,567	6.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	135	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	1,473	5.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	25,824	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	1,171	4.5	White alone.....	25,207	96.7
25 to 34 years.....	3,305	12.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	4,333	16.6	Total population.....	26,078	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,907	15.0	In households.....	25,854	99.1
55 to 59 years.....	1,577	6.0	Householder.....	9,975	38.3
60 to 64 years.....	1,314	5.0	Spouse.....	5,690	21.8
65 to 74 years.....	2,408	9.2	Child.....	7,878	30.2
75 to 84 years.....	1,666	6.4	Own child under 18 years.....	4,894	18.8
85 years and over.....	520	2.0	Other relatives.....	1,497	5.7
Median age (years).....	41.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	400	1.5
18 years and over.....	20,728	79.5	Nonrelatives.....	814	3.1
Male.....	9,710	37.2	Unmarried partner.....	325	1.2
Female.....	11,018	42.3	In group quarters.....	224	0.9
21 years and over.....	19,971	76.6	Institutionalized population.....	160	0.6
62 years and over.....	5,349	20.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	64	0.2
65 years and over.....	4,594	17.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,904	7.3	Total households.....	9,975	100.0
Female.....	2,690	10.3	Family households (families).....	7,144	71.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,743	27.5
One race.....	25,901	99.3	Married-couple family.....	5,690	57.0
White.....	25,379	97.3	With own children under 18 years.....	2,233	22.4
Black or African American.....	114	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,063	10.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	397	4.0
Asian.....	314	1.2	Nonfamily households.....	2,831	28.4
Asian Indian.....	50	0.2	Householder living alone.....	2,422	24.3
Chinese.....	106	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,206	12.1
Filipino.....	25	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	3,008	30.2
Japanese.....	9	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	3,253	32.6
Korean.....	14	0.1	Average household size.....	2.59	(X)
Vietnamese.....	47	0.2	Average family size.....	3.11	(X)
Other Asian ¹	63	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	-	Total housing units.....	10,122	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	5	-	Occupied housing units.....	9,975	98.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	147	1.5
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	3	-	occasional use.....	11	0.1
Some other race.....	70	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	177	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	9,975	100.0
White.....	25,518	97.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	7,979	80.0
Black or African American.....	162	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,996	20.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	72	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	354	1.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.86	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	-			
Some other race.....	144	0.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 221

Conventional Federal: 100

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 9

Federal (Section 8): 150



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Saugus is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 1 running N-S and State Routes 107 and 129.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available in the neighboring towns of Wakefield, Melrose, and Lynn. The MBTA Blue Line is accessible from Wonderland Station in Revere. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Saugus is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) which provides fixed route service to Boston, Lynn, Salem and Malden Station. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

Saugus is within a short distance from Logan International Airport, Boston docks, railroad and bus terminals.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site
244 Central Street
(781) 233-00504

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Abbey Hill Nursing Home

Hammersmith House N.C.C.

Louise Caroline Rehab. & Nursing Center

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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